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lines of investigation, and one which speaks strongly against the too frequent custom of basing broad generalizations on isolated and unverified observations.

Food Plants of Scale Insects. — Though sometimes misleading, lists of the host plants of parasitic fungi or of the food plants of vegetable-feeding insects are always helpful when properly used; and a list of the food plants of scale insects, by T. D. A. Cockerel, in volume xix of the *Proceedings of the United States National Museum*, will be acceptable to students of this group. The author states that it is to be understood that the plants given as hosts have been infested in many cases only since they have been cultivated, and suggests that it would be desirable to distinguish in every case between the endogenous and exogenous Coccids on a plant, and also between those exogenous in a state of nature and those only so in cultivation.

Timber Pines. — The timber pines of the Southern United States form the subject of an important contribution from the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture.¹ Though a revised edition of an earlier series of monographs, the present publication appears with almost the value of a new work. In it *Pinus palustris*, *P. heterophylla*, *P. echinata*, *P. taeda*, and *P. glabra* are quite fully considered, from the standpoint of forestry and mechanics, as well as that of botany. To the teacher of economic botany such excellent illustrations as those of Plate VIII, showing the method of "turpentine orcharding in Louisiana," are next in value to an actual field demonstration.

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New England Botanical Club. — The New England Botanical Club, an association of gentlemen interested in the flora of New England, which holds monthly meetings in Boston and has begun the formation of a New England herbarium, has recently issued a tastefully prepared pamphlet containing its constitution, with a list of its officers and members. Thirty-seven resident and twenty-four non-resident members are enrolled.

Botanical Garden in Dahlem. — The plans for the new botanical garden in Dahlem, near Berlin, the distance of which from the teaching departments of the great Berlin University is lamented by

¹ *The Timber Pines of the Southern United States.* By Charles Mohr, Ph.D. Together with a discussion of the structure of their wood, by Filibert Roth. *Bulletin No. 13* (revised edition), *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry.* Washington, 1897. 176 pp., 27 pl., 4°.